(d) whether IOC has placed 30% of their order on one bidder only when there were more than 100 eligible bidders; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Oil Marketing Companies are in the process of finalisation of tender floated by them for procurement of LPG cylinders. At present the matter is *sub- judice* in view of the various Writ Petition filed by tenderers in various High Courts. However, earlier IOCL & BPCL have placed the cylinder orders on some eligible tenderers as per the procedure approved by Hon'ble Delhi High Court *vide* its interim order of dated 24.8.2001. The names of Units (first time bidders) alongwith the quantity of orders placed on them by IOCL are given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

List of first time bidders and quantity of orders placed

Sl. No.	Name of the Bidder	Quantity of Order
1.	Khara Gas Equipt. (P) Ltd.	1,77,431
2.	Kurnool Cyl. (P) Ltd. (Unit-II)	2,40,496
3.	Pankaj Gas Cylinder (Unit-II)	1,52,456
4.	Sanuj Steel (P) Ltd	9,52,085
5.	S. M. Cylinders	3,68,640
6.	M. M. Cylinders	1,82,473
7.	Winfab Equipt. Ltd.	96,300
8.	Verny Engineers (P) Ltd.	1,90,532

Restriction on import of petroleum product

†266. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to restrict the import of petroleum products;

(b) whether it is a fact that the import of petroleum products is growing due to the constant increase in the demand of petroleum products against the production of crude oil in the country; and

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(c) if so, the details of effective steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Apart from the restrictions provided in the Export Import Policy, 1997—2002, no scheme has been formulated by the Government to restrict imports of petroleum products.

(b) No, Sir. Infact imports of petroleum products have come down during the last three years.

(c) Does not arise.

Allotment of Petrol Pumps and LPG Agencies

†267. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Gas Agencies and Petrol Pumps allotted in the various States in the country during the last three years, district-wise; and

(b) the targets laid down for the allotment of Gas Agencies and Petrol Pumps in the various States in the country during the year 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The details of allotment of Gas Agencies & Retail Outlets under various Marketing Plans by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies State-wise are given in the Statement enclosed (*See* below)

(b) The setting up of dealerships of Petroleum Products is a continuous process and hence it is not possible to fix a target for the same in a given year.

Statement

The Details of allotments of Retail Outlets and LPG distributorships in various States during the last three years (1998-99, 1999-2000 & 2000-2001)

Name of State/UT	Retail Outlets	LPG Distributorships
Andhra Pradesh	78	71
Arunachal Pradesh	01	07

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